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By way of background, the components and mode of operation that can be used for the conformable fuel cell of the present invention will now be described. Fig. 1 is a simplified schematic illustration of one embodiment of a direct oxidation fuel cell that may be used with the present invention. The figure illustrates one embodiment of a direct oxidation single fuel cell for purposes of description that allows implementation of curvilinear arrays based on small planar segments and on a unique technology platform described in commonly-owned ~~United States Patent Application No.~~ U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. 6,981,877 ~~10/078,601~~, filed on February 19, 2002, by Ren *et al.*, for a SIMPLIFIED DIRECT OXIDATION FUEL CELL SYSTEM, and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/260,820, filed on September 30, 2002, by Ren *et al.*, for a FLUID MANAGEMENT COMPONENT FOR USE IN A FUEL CELL, which are incorporated herein by reference, and the above-cited U.S. Patent Application No. 10/413,983, for a DIRECT OXIDATION FUEL CELL OPERATING WITH DIRECT FEED OF CONCENTRATED FUEL UNDER PASSIVE WATER MANAGEMENT, which enables passive operation of the fuel cell with direct feed of concentrated methanol or methanol vapor. The fuel cell actually embodying the invention may include a number of other components, or may omit certain components shown, while remaining within the scope of the present invention.

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At the anode side, the fuel is delivered through a gap full with vapor 180 anode diffusion layer 160, and the anode reaction includes the generation of carbon dioxide at the anode aspect 106 of the membrane 104. Carbon dioxide exits the fuel cell 100 via carbon dioxide removal channels, or openings, illustrated at 140 and 144, in the direction of the arrows 172 and 170, respectively. Various methods of accomplishing such carbon dioxide removal are discussed in the above-cited commonly-owned United States Patent No. 6,981,877, and United States patent applications, e.g., Applications No. ~~10/078,601, No.~~ 10/260,820 and No. 10/413,983.[[.]]

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